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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

BORDER ET AL.

Examiner

Brandon S Hoffman

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Objections*

1. Claim 20 is objected to because claim 20 is the same as claim 19. Please amend, or cancel claim 20. Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-13, 15-28, 30-42, and 44-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takagi et al. (EP 0 903 905 A2) in view of Baras et al. ("Fast Asymmetric Internet Over Wireless Satellite-Terrestrial Networks," November 3, 1997).

Regarding claims 1, 15, 30, and 44, Takagi et al. teaches a method/system/apparatus/computer-readable medium for routing information in a communication system that includes a platform and a spoofing apparatus configured to perform a plurality of performance enhancing functions, the method comprising:

- Receiving the information from the platform and receiving at least one of spoofing selection parameters and spoofing parameters, wherein the spoofing apparatus maintains a profile that contains the at least one of the spoofing selection and

spoofing parameters (paragraph 0099, the routing information and relay method are stored in an embodiment of figure 6 and figure 7); and

- Routing the information in accordance with the profile (paragraph 0099, the routing information is stored).

Takagi et al. does not teach the presence of a spoofing apparatus with spoofing parameters. Instead, there exist relay parameters.

Baras et al. teaches the use of a spoofing apparatus with spoofing parameters (page 375, 'TCP Spoofer Kernel').

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine using a spoofing apparatus with spoofing parameters, as taught by Baras et al., with the method of Takagi et al. It would have been obvious for such modifications because spoofing reduces bandwidth consumption and provides an enhanced network experience.

Regarding claims 2, 16, 31, and 45, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches further comprising determining a path that the information takes to reach its destination based on the profile (see page 376, first full paragraph, 'TCP port numbers are used to select the path' of Baras et al.).

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Regarding claims 3, 17, 32, and 46, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches further comprising determining the path by applying spoofing rules (see fig. 6/7 of Takagi et al.).

Regarding claims 4, 18, 33, and 47, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches wherein the path is determined based on connection control blocks (see page 375, Data Structures, 'Connection Control Block' of Baras et al.).

Regarding claims 5, 19, 34, and 48, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches wherein connection control blocks are allocated using a hash function (see page 375, Data Structures, 'CBC Hash Table' of Baras et al.).

Regarding claims 6, 21, 35, and 49, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches wherein connection control blocks are allocated using a mapping table (see page 375, Data Structures, 'tables used for CCB' of Baras et al.).

Regarding claims 7, 22, 36, and 50, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches wherein the spoofing rules are mapped to the profile (see fig. 6/7 of Takagi et al., the rules are mapped in the gateway device).

Regarding claims 8, 23, 37, and 51, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches further comprising receiving the at least one of spoofing selection

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parameters and spoofing parameters as a data structure from the platform (see page 375, 'Data Structures' of Baras et al. and fig. 6 of Takagi et al.).

Regarding claims 9, 24, 38, and 52, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches further comprising receiving at least one of spoofing selection parameters and spoofing parameters from the platform at startup or when the platform receives updated spoofing selection or spoofing parameters (see page 375, 'Data Structures' of Baras et al., a CCB is created for each new connection).

Regarding claims 10, 25, 39, and 53, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches further comprising applying multiple spoofing rules using boolean operators (see fig. 6/7 of Takagi et al., any combination of multiple rules will use Boolean operators to AND/OR the rules).

Regarding claims 11, 26, 40, and 54, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches further comprising compensating for maximum segment size mismatches (see paragraph 0006 of Takagi et al.).

Regarding claims 12, 27, 41, and 55, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches wherein said compensating includes dynamically resizing data segments which comprise the information before forwarding the data segments (see paragraph 0006 of Takagi et al.).

Regarding claims 13, 28, 42, and 56, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches wherein the profile further includes a maximum segment size (see paragraph 0004 of Takagi et al.).

Claims 14, 29, 43, and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takagi et al. (EP 0 903 905 A2) in view of Baras et al. ("Fast Asymmetric Internet Over Wireless Satellite-Terrestrial Networks," November 3, 1997), and further in view of Srinivas (U.S. Patent No. 6,823,387).

Regarding claims 14, 29, 43, and 57, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. teaches all the limitations of claims 1, 11, 15, 26, 30, 40, 44, and 54, above. However, the combination of Takagi et al. in view of Baras et al. does not teach wherein the profile further includes a parameter for disabling three-way handshake spoofing.

Srinivas teaches wherein the profile further includes a parameter for disabling three-way handshake spoofing (fig. 3 and col. 8, lines 25-62).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine a parameter for disabling three-way handshake spoofing, as taught by Srinivas, with the method of Takagi et al./Baras et al. It would have been obvious for such modifications because disabling the three-way handshake saves on server resources (see col. 8, line 50 of Srinivas).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon Hoffman whose telephone number is 571-272-3863. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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